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TOPIC Communist Orders for Arms in Vienna

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1. The Organization Office of the Communist Party of Austria placed an order for 7,000 small arms (pistols of 08 type and revolvers) with the Soviet-controlled Garvens-Werke, 130 Handelskai, Vienna II. They are to be issued to the Party Police. They were ordered under the pretext that they were to be given to Czech workers' brigades in Brno and Enaim.
2. The Communist employees' council of the Garvens-Werke accepted the order and handed it over to the Communist director. The management of the firm let it be known through the employees' council of the Vienna II Communist District Board that the firm is required to have the sanction of USIA Hqs. for this order.
3. The arms are to be produced and supplied following application to the USIA by Dr. Altmann, chief of the Organization Office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria.

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The provincial boards of the Communist Party of Austria are constantly urged to order weapons by their district boards. The provincial boards of Styria and the Tyrol particularly urge the necessity of arms deliveries in their monthly reports.

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a. The Garvens-Werke plant is a machine, pump and railroad car factory. Its town office is at 6 Schwarzenbergstrasse, Vienna I, telephone R 27 4 41. The plant, 130 Handelskai,

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Georg Schoenborn-Buchheim and directed by Ernst
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